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STATE TREASURER

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESENT: **Robert H. Naftaly, Chair STC (Telephonic Conference)**
 Douglas B. Roberts, Member STC
 Frederick W. Morgan, Member STC

 Kelli Sobel, Executive Secretary
 LaNiece Densteadt, Recording Secretary

DATE OF MEETING: **August 15, 2007**

PLACE OF MEETING: **Conference Room, 1921 Department of Conservation**
 7th Floor, Mason Building
 Lansing, MI

TIME OF MEETING: **9:00 A.M.**

The item numbers referred to in the minutes correspond to the agenda items as numbered.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of June 15, 2007, as presented. (Item 1 on agenda)

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to adopt the lists of qualified local government units for OPRA, NEZ, and 328 exemptions and the Executive Secretary's recommendation that the lists be certified annually. (Item 2 on agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Roberts, and unanimously approved to receive the request of the State Assessors Board and to order 14-point reviews in Lowell Township, Kent County, Vergennes Township, Kent County and the City of Cedar Springs, Kent County. (Item 3 on agenda)

The Commission received and will review a draft schedule for the 2008 State Tax Commission Meetings. (Item 4 on agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Roberts, and unanimously approved to adopt staff recommendation for Thumb Electric Cooperative's request for modification of the valuations of it electric distribution plant. (Item 5 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to order the appearance of the Assessor and Supervisor of Baltimore Township before the Commission on October 2, 2007 meeting regarding complaint file 07-003. (Item 6 on agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Roberts, and unanimously approved to adopt the Official Order to return the roll to Interior Township, Ontonagon County. (Item 7 on agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to issue Bulletin 4 of 2007, regarding Certified Interest Rates. (Item 8 on agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Roberts, and unanimously approved to issue Bulletin 5 of 2007, regarding Single Year Sales Study Guidelines and Date Change and asked the Committee on Sales Studies to make a recommendation on dates for 2 year studies. (Item 9 on agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt staff recommendation to send out a revised tax notice properly applying the tax credit for Besse Forest Products Group. (Item 10 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to adopt the Guidelines for Foreclosure and to issue them in the form of Bulletin 6 of 2007. (Item 11 on agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the recommendation of the Classification Appeals Hearings Group and to set the classification for appeal 07-008 as residential and to set the classification for 07-002 thru 07-007 and 07-009 through 07-027a as agricultural. (Item 12 on agenda)

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to adopt the Personal Property Examiner Certificates submitted by staff. (Item 13 on agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendation on the Re-certifications and New Certifications of Computerized Tax Rolls for the following: (Item 14 on agenda)

These certifications will expire on **May 1, 2010**.

Genesee County

Atlas Township
Vienna Township
City of Grand Blanc

Mundy Charter Township
City of Fenton
Flint Charter Township

Thetford Township
City of Clio
City of Burton

Jackson County

Concord Township

Sandstone Charter Township

Wexford County

Cherry Grove Township

Calhoun County

Eckford Township

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to adopt the staff recommendation on the Exemptions. (Item 15 on agenda) ([See attached link for file identification.](#))

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to ask the Executive Secretary to draft a policy which would allow staff to make administrative changes such as typographical and other errors for Exemption Certificates.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to dismiss all year 1998 MCL211.154 filings for SEMCO. (Item 16 on agenda) ([See attached link for file identification.](#))

It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to adopt the MCL 211.154 concurrences. (Item 17 on agenda) ([See attached link for file identification.](#))

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the MCL 211.154 Special Items Agenda. (Item 18 on agenda) ([See attached link for file identification.](#))

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to **postpone** the following MCL 211.154 petitions until **October 2, 2007**. (Item 19 on the agenda) ([See attached link for file identification.](#))

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt the following MCL 211.154 petitions as **amended**: (Item 19 on the agenda)

City of Kentwood, Kent County

154-06-2938; Lankfer Diversified Inc. Inc.; 41-50-65-014-083; Personal Property

****This was also a concurrence.**

2004 AV from \$1,820,100 to \$1,838,600; TV from \$1,820,100 to \$1,838,600

2005 AV from \$1,686,800 to \$1,661,150; TV from \$1,686,800 to \$1,661,150

2006 AV from \$1,842,500 to \$1,840,300; TV from \$1,842,500 to \$1,840,300

City of Walker, Kent County

154-06-2949; Irwin Seating Company; 41-50-86-010-160; Personal Property

2004 AV from \$2,712,400 to \$3,225,650; TV from \$2,712,400 to \$3,225,650

2005 AV from \$2,775,550 to \$3,248,350; TV from \$2,775,550 to \$3,248,350

2006 AV from \$2,850,250 to \$2,972,150; TV from \$2,850,250 to \$2,972,150

City of Wyoming, Kent County

154-07-0482; Work Safe/Nes Rentals; 41-50-93-985-901; Personal Property

****This was also a concurrence with the year 2005 withdrawn.**

2006 AV from \$1,101,400 to \$1,197,500; TV from \$1,101,400 to \$1,197,500

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Pere Marquette Township, Mason County

154-06-2517; Cheryl Larson DDS; 53-10-900-025-023-00; Personal Property

****This was also a concurrence with the year 2004 withdrawn.**

2005 AV from \$ 0 to \$ 64,468; TV from \$ 0 to \$ 64,468

Commerce Township, Oakland County

154-07-0626; Conceptual Reality LLC; E-99-80-005-395; Personal Property

2005 AV from \$ 356,570 to \$ 99,098; TV from \$ 356,570 to \$ 99,098

2006 AV from \$ 324,030 to \$ 54,895; TV from \$ 324,030 to \$ 54,895

2007 AV from \$ 248,320 to \$ 68,182; TV from \$ 248,320 to \$ 68,182

City of Port Huron, Saint Clair County

154-07-0573; Huron Inc.; 74-06-901-0114-000; Personal-IFT Property

2005 AV from \$ 710,500 to \$ 807,150; TV from \$ 710,500 to \$ 807,150

154-07-0574; Huron Inc.; 74-06-901-0140-000; Personal-IFT Property

2005 AV from \$ 141,900 to \$ 96,800; TV from \$ 141,900 to \$ 96,800

2006 AV from \$ 122,900 to \$ 83,100; TV from \$ 122,900 to \$ 83,100

154-07-0575; Huron Inc.; 74-06-999-0479-500; Personal Property

2005 AV from \$1,551,100 to \$1,907,050; TV from \$1,551,100 to \$1,907,050

2006 AV from \$2,184,800 to \$2,660,200; TV from \$2,184,800 to \$2,660,200

City of Livonia, Wayne County

154-06-3131; Aristeo Construction; 46-999-00-0371-000; Personal Property

****This was also a concurrence.**

2004 AV from \$ 282,130 to \$ 789,100; TV from \$ 282,130 to \$ 789,100

2005 AV from \$ 281,700 to \$ 700,200; TV from \$ 281,700 to \$ 700,200

2006 AV from \$ 392,700 to \$ 929,700; TV from \$ 392,700 to \$ 929,700

154-06-3212; AM General LLC; 46-999-00-0029-000; Personal Property

2004 AV from \$1,348,230 to \$1,361,650; TV from \$1,348,230 to \$1,361,650

2005 AV from \$1,457,640 to \$1,479,900; TV from \$1,457,640 to \$1,479,900

2006 AV from \$1,512,300 to \$1,521,150; TV from \$1,512,300 to \$1,521,150

City of Romulus, Wayne County

154-06-3168; Metrex Research Corp.; 80-999-00-3691-000; Personal Property

****This was also a concurrence.**

2004 AV from \$ 579,500 to \$1,095,950; TV from \$ 579,500 to \$1,095,950

2005 AV from \$1,238,800 to \$1,348,600; TV from \$1,238,800 to \$1,348,600

154-06-3169; Metrex Research Corp.; 80-998-01-9891-066; Personal-IFT Property

****This was also a concurrence.**

2004 AV from \$ 534,200 to \$ 608,500; TV from \$ 534,200 to \$ 608,500

2005 AV from \$ 475,400 to \$ 558,000; TV from \$ 475,400 to \$ 558,000

154-06-3171; Kerr Manufacturing; 80-999-00-1568-000; Personal Property

****This was also a concurrence.**

2004 AV from \$3,190,800 to \$2,617,120; TV from \$3,190,800 to \$2,617,120

2005 AV from \$3,260,800 to \$2,561,100; TV from \$3,260,800 to \$2,561,100

Plymouth Township, Wayne County

154-06-2756; Johnson Controls Inc.; 78-999-00-0578-000; Personal Property

2004 AV from \$5,441,470 to \$5,630,850; TV from \$5,441,470 to \$5,630,850

2005 AV from \$4,569,570 to \$4,932,450; TV from \$4,569,570 to \$4,932,450

2006 AV from \$4,545,390 to \$4,844,100; TV from \$4,545,390 to \$4,844,100

154-06-2766; Sun Plastic Coating Co. Inc.; 78-999-00-1306-000; Personal Property

****This was also a concurrence.**

2004 AV from \$ 232,810 to \$ 310,100; TV from \$ 232,810 to \$ 310,100

2005 AV from \$ 238,630 to \$ 295,300; TV from \$ 238,630 to \$ 295,300

2006 AV from \$ 260,670 to \$ 248,450; TV from \$ 260,670 to \$ 248,450

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to **deny** the following MCL 211.154 petitions: (Item 19 on the agenda)

City of Lansing, Ingham County

154-07-0347; A Building Enterprises Company; 90-33-01-00-109-000; Personal Property

2005 AV from \$ 3,300 to \$ 890; TV from \$ 3,300 to \$ 890

2006 AV from \$ 3,600 to \$ 890; TV from \$ 3,600 to \$ 890

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to **withdraw** the following MCL 211.154 petitions: (Item 19 on the agenda)

City of Flint, Genesee County

154-06-2830; General Motors Corp.; P-30933-8; Personal Property

2004 AV from \$1,909,000 to \$2,559,800; TV from \$1,909,000 to \$2,559,800

2005 AV from \$ 949,211 to \$2,248,700; TV from \$ 949,211 to \$2,248,700

2006 AV from \$ 41,900 to \$1,309,550; TV from \$ 41,900 to \$1,309,550

Green Lake Township, Grand Traverse County

154-05-0950; State of Michigan; 28-07-016-000-00; Real Property

2004 AV from \$ 15,360 to \$ 0 ; TV from \$ 15,360 to \$ 0

154-05-3876; State of Michigan; 28-07-020-000-00; Real Property

2004 AV from \$ 8,150 to \$ 0 ; TV from \$ 8,150 to \$ 0

154-05-3877; State of Michigan; 28-07-019-000-00; Real Property

2004 AV from \$ 16,350 to \$ 0 ; TV from \$ 16,350 to \$ 0

154-05-3878; State of Michigan; 28-07-017-000-00; Real Property

2004 AV from \$ 15,520 to \$ 0 ; TV from \$ 15,520 to \$ 0

Deerfield Twsp, Livingston County

154-07-0354; Bell-Key Wire EDM Service Inc.; 4703-99-000-041; Personal Property

2005 AV from \$ 27,916 to \$ 28,151; TV from \$ 27,916 to \$ 28,151

2006 AV from \$ 27,732 to \$ 27,939; TV from \$ 27,732 to \$ 27,939

City of Romulus, Wayne County

154-06-3170; Metrex Research Corporation; 80-998-01-9801-060; Real Property

2004 AV from \$1,375,500 to \$ 825,300; TV from \$1,375,500 to \$ 825,300

154-06-3172; Kerr Manufacturing; 80-048-99-0005-001; Real Property

2004 AV from \$2,990,900 to \$1,794,540; TV from \$2,990,900 to \$1,794,540

City of Romulus, Wayne County

154-06-3173; Kerr Manufacturing; 80-048-99-0005-002; Real Property

2004 AV from \$ 41,500 to \$ 24,900; TV from \$ 41,500 to \$ 24,900

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved to adopt all other MCL 211.154 petitions **as submitted**: (Item 19 on agenda) ([See attached link for file identification.](#))

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly, and unanimously approved the following MCL 211.154 petitions as **concurrences**. These petitions were initially noticed as non concurrences. (Item 19 on the agenda) ([See attached link for file identification.](#))

The Supervisor and Assessor for Vermontville Township, Eaton County appeared to discuss the failure of the Township to pass the 14-point review. The Township scored 98 out of 194 on the review that was ordered as the result of a complaint filed. It was moved by Naftaly, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to accept the Executive Secretaries recommendation to assume jurisdiction of the 2007 ad valorem assessment roll for Vermontville Township, Eaton County and to order a reappraisal by an outside party to be completed in time for the 2009 assessment roll. (Item 20 on agenda)

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Naftaly to go into closed session. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Naftaly – Yes, Commissioner Roberts – Yes, Commissioner Morgan – Yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

The State Tax Commission then went into Closed Session to discuss matter of pending litigation with all members present.

It was moved by Morgan, supported by Roberts to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson Naftaly – Yes, Commissioner Roberts – Yes, Commissioner Morgan – Yes. The motion was unanimously approved.

The State Tax Commission discussed issues related to Sales Tax Uplift and the IBM cases. The State Tax Commission formed a work group to study and make a recommendation on Sales Tax Uplift Issues.

It was moved by Roberts, supported by Morgan, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting of the State Tax Commission at 1:15 P.M.

DATED TYPED: **August 16, 2007**

DATE APPROVED: **October 2, 2007**

Robert H. Naftaly, Chair
State Tax Commission

Douglas B. Roberts, Member
State Tax Commission

Frederick W. Morgan, Member
State Tax Commission